

INTRODUCING COLORADO PREVENTION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION



**Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service
Providers
(COPA)**

SESSION GOALS

- Introduce you to the Prevention Specialist Certification and the CO Prevention Certification Board
- Why COPA – Why now
- Why we choose the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)
- Solicit your input
- Most importantly we want you to get jazzed and eager to get credentialed.

Why is Colorado Promoting Prevention Specialist Certification?

- With the Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2010, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has placed prevention at the forefront of health care reform.
- Colorado is encouraging Prevention Specialist Certification in order to better meet the goals of the Affordable Health Care Act, creating a professional workforce ready to offer consistent high-quality prevention services.
- Credentialing prevention professionals creates consistent standards for competent, well-trained, ethical prevention providers.



CO PREVENTION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

BENEFITS :

- Gain greater professional recognition
- Confirm proficiency
- Enhance standing and reputation
- Promote prevention and prevention best practices

Colorado Prevention Certification Board

The CPC Board is an autonomous arm of the Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers. The board is committed to the setting of professional standards and protection of the public good.

The CPC board engages in the following functions:

- Administers certification examinations;
- Certifies providers of continuing education;
- Monitors and enforces professional ethics; and,
- Works to promote reciprocity.

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Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers(COPA)

A statewide trade association of alcohol and drug Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, Recovery Support and Research provider executives.

Our mission is to cultivate leadership, mobilize resources and promote the effective use, integration and coordination of alcohol and drug services.



BENEFIT OF COPA SEEKING THE CERTIFICATION NOW

- Only Association in the state that has a focus on prevention and an interest by members to expand the efforts of the Association to other prevention professions outside of substance abuse.
- The substance abuse prevention field has a reputation and history of leading in cutting edge and best practices.
- Prevention is being recognized and included in policy and funding decisions at the federal, state and local levels.
- Research supports the growing need and interest in substance abuse professions.



The Colorado Prevention Specialist Certification Board is a proud member of IC&RC, which protects the public by establishing standards and facilitating reciprocity for the credentialing of addiction-related professionals. The largest organization of its kind, IC&RC represents more than 40,000 professionals worldwide.

Benefits other states have realized

- Enhanced standing and reputation for field of prevention
- Standardized skill sets for prevention professionals
- Better promotion of prevention and prevention best-practices
- Expertise and qualifications verified by an independent evaluator

Colorado Prevention Specialist Certification Timeline

- We are at the beginning of this process
- We were approved as a IC & RC member in May 2011
- We *must* launch this effort by May 2013
- We hope to launch earlier

Certified Prevention Specialist Requirements

Experience: 2000 hours of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) prevention experience.

Education: 100 hours of prevention specific education. Fifty hours must be specific ATOD training, and of that, 32 must be the Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training, as well as six hours of prevention specific ethics.

Supervised Practicum: 120 performance hours with a minimum of ten hours in each performance domain:

1. Planning & Evaluation
2. Education & Skill Development
3. Community Organization
4. Public Policy & Environmental Change
5. Professional Growth & Responsibility

Certified Prevention Specialist Requirements (cont'd)

Examination: IC&RC Written Prevention Specialist Examination

Code of Ethics: Signed statement of affirmation and a written enforcement and appeals mechanism to maintain ethical standards.

Recertification: Forty hours of continuing education earned every two years.

Still to be Determined

- Application process
- Fees
- Incentives
- Grandfathering Process
- Qualified Trainings
- Relationship to other certifications
- Promotion by State Funders/Foundation
- Our process for seeking ongoing feedback from the prevention community

**TAPPING INTO OUR
GREATEST RESOURCE—**

YOU

- What are the benefits of prevention certification?
 - For you?
 - For your organization?
- What are the potential challenges of prevention certification?
- How do we effectively talk about this effort to the prevention field?
- Who are the audiences for prevention certification?

Please complete the survey and participate in the following table discussions.

Thanks.

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